THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

W.P.NO.27273 OF 2005

Dt.23.12.2005

Between:

Arava Guravaiah … Petitioner

And

The Commissioner of Endowments,

Government of Andhra Pradesh,

Hyderabad and 2 others. … Respondents

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Pleader for Endowments on behalf of respondents 1 and 2 and the learned counsel on behalf of the 3rd respondent.

The petitioner submits that when the public auction was conducted in respect of leasehold rights to keep secure the footwear at Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Lalapet and Sri Anjaneya Swamy-varla temple at Kothapet of Guntur Town on 15.12.2004, the petitioner participated in the said auction and he became the highest bidder for a period of one year. Admittedly, the period of one year is over. Thereafter, another notification was issued calling for applications in respect of the said leasehold rights for the next year. The petitioner questions the said action of the respondents on the

ground that the petitioner filed a representation dated 7.12.2005 for extension of lease period.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, I am of the opinion that the petitioner has no vested or legal right to consider his representation for extension of lease period and the petitioner cannot question the action of the 3rd respondent in issuing open auction to be held on 26.12.2005 in respect of the said leasehold rights. However, it is open for the petitioner to participate in the said auction. In view of the aforesaid reasons, I do not see any merit in this writ petition for extension of leasehold rights in favour of the petitioner. The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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(V.ESWARAIAH, J.)

23.12.2005

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